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A.—(*a*) The amendments to the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1923, referred to in the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 199 have already been published as Notification No. 824, dated 30th October 1928, at pages 1729–30 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 6th November 1928.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The Government have taken no such steps as they do not consider it worth while to collect statistics of death caused on account of bus accidents all over the Presidency, as the information is available at the headquarters of the districts.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"With reference to clause (*c*), may I enquire whether, having regard to the desirability of making the necessary changes in rules, Government do not consider it necessary to keep themselves informed of the accidents causing death?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"We get it from the districts."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know whether Government do not think it necessary to keep themselves informed about the accidents of death in order to see what amendments are necessary?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Whenever we want the information we can get it."

Civil Justice

Latrine and other amenities in the Sessions Courts.

1403 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what accommodation and arrangements for seating, waiting, retiring for tiffin and rest, latrines or urinals, and for paying travelling allowance and batta exist in the several Sessions and Assistant and Additional Sessions Courts in the Madras City and outside?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to call for the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"No, Sir. The question refers to latrines and other matters throughout the Presidency and I do not think it will serve any useful purpose."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I inform him that the arrangements are very inadequate and very much neglected."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member is making a speech."

Marine

Expenditure on the Cochin Harbour Works.

1404 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before the Council a statement showing—

(*a*) the expenditure from the beginning up to date on the Cochin Harbour Works; and

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(b) the current expenditure and receipts for the year 1928–29 up to the close of the first half year, with a commercial audit showing the rate of profit and loss?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1025 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 1st November 1927. The approximate total expenditure incurred on capital works up to the end of December 1928 was Rs. 50,05,000.

(b) The hon. Member does not specify the fund in respect of which he wants information about the expenditure and receipts for the first half-year of 1928–29.

Excise

Proposals by the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League regarding the retail sale of liquor.

*1405 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in a large number of shops selling country liquor in retail, it is adulterated with water and essence of camphor or dhatura opium and such other drugs to make up for the weakness of the liquor;

(b) whether Government have considered the proposals made by the Kanara Indian Christian Civic League in its representation in October 1927 for conveying the liquor from Nellikuppam and for selling it in sealed bottles and with what result; and

(c) whether it is proposed to consider the proposal further in order to prevent the adulteration of liquor in retail shops at least for the benefit of the people who are willing and able to purchase bottled liquor?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(b) The Government considered the proposals but no definite conclusions were arrived at.

(c) The suggestion will be considered again.

Medical

Proposed opening of a medical college at Vellore.

*1406 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal to have a new medical college at Vellore;

(b) what is the estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to have the building constructed by a private body and whether Government are going to make any contribution to such private body;

(d) if so, how much they are going to contribute for the building and how much for the running expenses every year;

(e) whether that institution will be recognized by the General Medical Council;